IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A display control apparatus for controlling display of information comprising:

display control means for displaying linking information, that is linked to content information, and displaying a plurality of cursors operating on one or more display devices;

selecting means for selecting at least a portion of said content information as a function of a corresponding designation by at least two of said plurality of cursors; and acquisition means for acquiring said selected content information as a function of the at least two cursors.

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

- (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said display control means displays said selected content information on said display device.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising:

operation means adapted to generate operation signals to operate each of the plurality of cursors,

wherein said display control means displays, on said display device, each of the plurality of cursors, as a function of said operation signals.

- 4. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said display control means is adapted to uniquely display each of said plurality of cursors.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said selecting means selects at least a portion of the content information based on the number of cursors designating said content information.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said linking information is described using a language for a predetermined image description.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said acquisition means acquires additional information from a network.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said acquisition means is a browser.

9. (Currently Amended) A display control apparatus comprising:

first memory means for storing a plurality of cursors:

display control means for displaying said plurality of cursors stored in said first memory means and displaying first information linked to second information;

selecting means for selecting at least a portion of the second information, as a function of a corresponding position designated by at least two of said plurality of cursors; and acquisition means for acquiring the selected second information.

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

10. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 9, further comprising:

second memory means for storing the plurality of cursors stored in said first memory means,

wherein said display control means superposes the plurality of cursors on said selected second information.

- 11. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 10, wherein said selecting means selects at least a portion of the second information as a function of each position of said plurality of cursors stored in said second memory means.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 10, further comprising:

first writing means for writing each of the plurality of cursors into a corresponding one of said first memory means as a function of a corresponding operational signal; and

second writing means for writing each of the plurality of cursors stored in said first memory means to said second memory means.

13. (Currently Amended) A display control apparatus comprising:

cursor information acquiring means for acquiring cursor information, indicative of a plurality of cursors operating at a plurality of terminal devices;

memory means for storing the cursor information;

cursor information presenting means for presenting the cursor information to one or more associated terminal devices that are adapted to display one or more of the plurality of cursors;

selecting means for selecting additional information that is linked to designated information designated by at least two of said plurality of cursors; and

acquisition means for acquiring the selected additional information as a function of the cursor information for the at least two cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

14. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein said memory means operates at one or more of the plurality of terminal devices.

15. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 14, further comprising:

display control means for displaying one or more of the plurality of cursors by superposing the cursor information on said selected additional information.

16. (Previously Presented) The display control means as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising:

writing means for writing cursor information to said memory means.

17. (Currently Amended) A display control apparatus comprising:

cursor information acquisition means for acquiring cursor information for a
plurality of cursors operating at a plurality of terminal devices;

cursor information presenting means for presenting said cursor information to associated terminal devices to display said plural cursors;

selecting means for selecting at least a portion of content information that is linked to linking information, the linking information being designated by at least two of said cursors, where the linking information is displayed together with said at least two plural cursors; and

acquisition control means for acquiring the selected information,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a
subsequent use.

18. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 17, further comprising display control means for controlling display of the selected information at one or more of said terminal devices.

19. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 17, wherein said plurality of terminal devices are mutually connected by way of a predetermined network,

said cursor information acquisition means acquires said cursor information through said network, and

said cursor information presenting means presents said cursor information through said network.

20. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 17, wherein said acquisition control means commands one or more of said plurality of terminal devices to acquire said selected information by providing command information to an associated one or more of the plurality of terminal devices.

- 21. (Canceled)
- 22. (Canceled)
- 23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A display control apparatus comprising:

cursor information presenting means for presenting cursor information related to a plurality of cursors, each cursor being controlled by operation signals transmitted from operation means for operating the cursors to a managing means for managing said cursor information;

cursor information acquisition means for acquiring said cursor information;

display control means for displaying, on a display, said plurality of cursors based
on said cursor information acquired by said cursor information acquisition means.

selecting means for selecting content as a function of cursor information for at least two cursors; and

accessing means for accessing the selected content as a function of the at least two cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

- 25. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 24, wherein said managing means comprises an information acquisition means for acquiring information based on a position designated by each cursor corresponding to said cursor information for one or more terminal devices.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said managing means provides command information for acquiring said information based on a position designated by each cursor,

wherein said information acquisition means acquires said information.

27. (Previously Presented) The display control apparatus as claimed in Claim 24, wherein said display control means is connected to said managing means by a network, said cursor information presenting means presents said cursor information through said network, and

said cursor information acquisition means acquires said cursor information through said network.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a display of information, the method comprising the steps of:

presenting cursor information related to a plurality of cursors, each of which is controlled as a function of operation signals associated with each cursor;

utilizing a first cursor to designate content;

utilizing a second cursor to designate the content;

acquiring cursor information for at least two cursors related to at least two associated terminal devices; and

displaying the content on one of the terminal devices as a function of said cursor information,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying information comprising the steps of:

acquiring, from each of plural terminal devices, cursor data related to a plurality of cursors associated with a plurality of terminal devices;

storing said cursor data in a memory;

presenting the stored cursor data to said associated terminal devices to display cursors that correspond to the stored cursor data at each of said terminal devices;

selecting at least a portion of information accessed as a function of a position designated by at least two of said plurality of cursors; and

acquiring the information selected by said selecting means at one or more terminal devices associated with the at least two cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A display control method for displaying information, comprising the steps of:

displaying information accessed by manipulating one or more cursors; selecting a portion of the information designated by two or more cursors; and acquiring said selected information as a function of data associated with the two or more cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

33. (Currently Amended) A display control method for displaying information, the method comprising the steps of:

acquiring cursor information for a plurality of cursors, operated at a plurality of terminal devices;

presenting said cursor information to an associated terminal device adapted to display said plurality of cursors;

selecting content information based on a position designated by at least two of said plurality of cursors; and

acquiring the selected information as a function of the cursor information for the at least two cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recorded on a program for executing a display control process for controlling display of information, said display control process comprising the steps of:

displaying linking information accessed by at least two cursors;

acquiring said selected information as a function of data associated with the at

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selecting at least a portion of content information, linked to the linking information, that is displayed and is designated by at least two cursors; and

least two cursors.

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recorded on a computer program for a display control processing for controlling display of information to be executed by a computer, said display control processing comprising the steps of:

cursor information presenting step for presenting cursor information related to a plurality of cursors, each of which is controlled as a function of one or more operational signals associated with each cursor;

utilizing a first cursor to designate content information;

utilizing a second cursor to designate the content information;

cursor information acquisition step for acquiring cursor information for at least two cursors related to at least two associated terminal devices; and

display control step for displaying the content on one of the terminal devices as a function of said cursor information,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

39. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling display of information, the method comprising the steps of:

a cursor information acquiring step for acquiring, from each of plural terminal devices, cursor data related to a plurality of cursors associated with a plurality of terminal devices;

a storing step for storing said stored cursor data in a memory means;

a cursor information presenting step for presenting the stored cursor data to associated terminal devices to display the cursors corresponding to the stored contents of the memory means at each of said terminal devices;

a selecting step for selecting at least a portion of content information based on each position designated by two or more of said cursors; and

an acquisition control step for acquiring the content information selected during said selecting step at one of the terminal devices as a function of the two or more cursors.

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recorded on a computer program for a display control processing for controlling display of information to be executed by a computer, said display control processing comprising:

a displaying step for displaying linking information, that is linked to content information, and displaying a plurality of cursors operating on one or more display devices;

a selecting step for selecting at least a portion of said content information as a function of a corresponding designation by at least two of said plurality of cursors; and

an acquiring step for acquiring said selected content information as a function of the at least two cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

42. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recorded on a computer program for a display control processing for controlling display of information to be executed by a computer, said display control processing comprising:

a first acquiring step for acquiring cursor information, indicative of a plurality of cursors operating at a plurality of terminal devices;

a storing step for storing the cursor information;

a presenting step for presenting the cursor information to one or more associated terminal devices that are adapted to display one or more of the plurality of cursors;

a selecting step for selecting additional information that is linked to designated information designated by at least two of said plurality of cursors; and

a second acquiring step for acquiring the selected additional information as a function of the cursor information for the at least two cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

43. (Currently Amended) A recording medium recorded on a computer program for a display control processing for controlling display of information to be executed by a computer, said display control processing comprising:

a presenting step for presenting cursor information related to a plurality of cursors, each cursor being controlled by operation signals for operating the cursors;

an acquiring step for acquiring said cursor information;

a displaying step for displaying said plurality of cursors based on said acquired cursor information acquired;

a selecting step for selecting content as a function of cursor information for at least two cursors; and

an accessing step for accessing the selected content as a function of the at least two cursors,

wherein each cursor has a predetermined priority value which can be varied at a subsequent use.

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